

Note of last Councillors' Forum meeting

Title:	Councillors' Forum
Date:	Thursday 18 October 2018
Venue:	Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions
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1	Declarations of Interest
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There were no declarations of interest.

2	Minister of State for Care, Caroline Dinenage MP
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Lord Gary Porter introduced Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister of State for Care. Caroline Dinenage MP thanked the Chairman for inviting her back to the Councillors Forum.

Caroline Dinenage MP stated that Social Care and Health should be linked and she is very pleased to see this is the case in her portfolio. The LGA is a vital partner in this link and councils up and down the country do a lot of work to integrate Social Care and Health. Caroline Dinenage MP highlighted the following points:

- How important the community is to the care sector and local government is best placed to put community into care. It allows residents to tell their story once and be supported throughout their journey.
- Personal care budgets are important to service users. When personal care budgets work, they bring down the general cost of health and keep residents in their communities.
- The work around the Adult Social Care green paper is important and we need to reach a long term plan on how we will fund social care.
- Technology will play a vital role in making sure residents keep their independence in their communities.
- The workforce is important to social care and the great work that is currently being done. Unpaid carers were a big part of the green paper and they will be a protected.
- The recent Loneliness strategy was important for the work it will do for the new challenges we are facing.
- Funding for increased hardships the care sector faces in the winter is going through local authorities, which is important for getting the funding into the hands of residents who need it.

Caroline Dinenage MP thanked the Councillors' Forum for asking her back and she welcomed any questions.

Members made the following comments

- What impact will Brexit have on EU nationals working in the care sector.
- Child social care is very expensive since the NHS has handed over responsibility, this is a new strain on local government.
- Those accessing social care are usually in a bad way before they go for support, how can local government get residents help sooner.

Caroline Dinenage MP responded

- Employers should be urged to sign up for early resident's status, as the care sector will be a pilot for this system. The issues in the workforce are bad enough without stopping those currently working in the sector from doing their important jobs.
- The journey a young person in care can be really long and can be expensive for local government to cover. Raise these concerns with your local MP to get this concern heard.
- The Adult Social Care green paper will give a series of options that can highlight these funding concerns.

3 Chairman's Update

Members **noted** the chairman's update.

4 LGA Boards & Portfolio Chair's Reports

Members **noted** the LGA Board Chair's reports.

5 Digest of the last meeting

Members **agreed** the minutes as an accurate summary of the discussion at the previous meeting on Thursday 19 July 2018

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Lord Gary Porter CBE	South Holland District Council
Members	Cllr Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
	Cllr Peter Fleming OBE	Sevenoaks District Council
	Cllr Philip Atkins	Staffordshire County Council
	Cllr Kevin Bentley	Essex County Council
	Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Rushcliffe Borough Council
	Cllr Steve Count	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr David Finch	Essex County Council
	Cllr Peter Golds	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Wokingham Borough Council
	Cllr Robert Light	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
	Cllr Rory Love OBE	Shepway District Council
	Cllr Colin Noble	Suffolk County Council
	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council

Cllr Nicholas Rushton	Leicestershire County Council
Cllr Tom Beattie	Corby Borough Council
Cllr Judith Blake CBE	Leeds City Council
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Graham Chapman	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Amy Cross	Blackpool Council
Cllr Tudor Evans OBE	Plymouth City Council
Cllr Kate Haigh	Gloucester City Council
Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Roger Lawrence	Wolverhampton City Council
Sir Richard Leese CBE	Manchester City Council
Cllr Vince Maple	Medway Council
Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
Cllr Linda Thomas	Bolton Council
Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Cllr Debbie Wilcox	Newport City Council
Cllr Iain Malcolm	South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Abigail Bell	Hull City Council
Cllr Alan Connett	Devon County Council
Cllr Heather Kidd	Shropshire Council
Cllr Clarence Barrett	Havering London Borough Council
Cllr Colin Mann	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Chris Townsend	Surrey County Council
Cllr Clive Woodbridge	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Apologies	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr James Jamieson	Kent County Council
Cllr Paul Carter CBE	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Cllr David Simmonds CBE	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr Nadeem Ahmed	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Sean Anstee CBE	Hertsmere Borough Council
Cllr Morris Bright MBE	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr Abi Brown	Arun District Council
Cllr Gillian Brown OBE	Kent County Council
Cllr Nick Chard	South Norfolk District Council
Cllr John Fuller	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	East Herts Council
Cllr Linda Haysey	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Matthew Hicks	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Ian Hudspeth	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Donna Jones JP	Dorset County Council
Cllr Rebecca Knox	Enfield Council
Cllr Joanne Laban	Merton London Borough Council
Cllr Oonagh Moulton	Bexley Council
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE	Herefordshire Council
Cllr Roger Phillips	Broadland District Council
Cllr Andrew Proctor	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cllr Lynn Riley	Northumberland Council
Cllr Glen Sanderson JP	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Martin Tett	Borough of Poole
Cllr Janet Walton	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr David Williams	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Nick Forbes CBE	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Peter Box CBE	

Cllr Michael Payne	Gedling Borough Council
Cllr Lib Peck	Lambeth London Borough Council
Cllr Anne Western CBE	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Judi Billing MBE	North Hertfordshire District Council
Cllr Simon Blackburn	Blackpool Council
Cllr Clare Coghill	Waltham Forest London Borough Council
Cllr Julie Dore	Sheffield City Council
Cllr Paulette Hamilton	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Simon Henig CBE	Durham County Council
Cllr Helen Holland	Bristol City Council
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Sabia Hussain	Slough Borough Council
Cllr Peter John OBE	Southwark Council
Cllr Brigid Jones	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Council
Cllr Bryony Rudkin	Ipswich Borough Council
Cllr Rishi Shori	Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Sian Timoney	Luton Borough Council
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Keith Aspden	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Cllr Jon Hubbard	Wiltshire Council
Cllr Claire Hudson	Mendip District Council
Cllr Paul Tilsley CBE	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Chris White	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Wayne Davies	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr Carolyn Rule	Cornwall Council
Cllr Alan Seldon	Herefordshire Council
In Attendance	Cllr John Beesley
	Bournemouth Borough Council